

VA Medical Center, Aspinwall Division,
Storehouse (Building No. 5)
5103 Delafield Avenue
Aspinwall Vicinity
Allegheny County
Pennsylvania

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- Location: The Storehouse is located in the southeast quadrant of the hospital complex, north of an axial road leading southeast from the main entry drive, approximately 500 feet southeast of the end of the drive. The Medical Center is located at 5103 Delafield Avenue, Aspinwall vicinity, O'Hara Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.
- Significance: Constructed in 1924, the Storehouse is associated with the Aspinwall Hospital complex, which was developed by the Veterans' Bureau (later the Veterans Administration) as part of a nationwide expansion of the Bureau's hospital facilities conducted between 1920 and 1947.
- Description: The Storehouse is a two-story brick building built into a sloping site. Both stories are fully exposed above grade at the northwest and northeast elevations, while only the upper story is exposed above grade at the southwest and southeast elevations. The building measures approximately 100 feet by 40 feet. It has a reinforced concrete structural system, with structural tile walls clad with brick. Five ventilators are spaced along the length of the flat roof, which is surrounded by a low brick parapet wall with a concrete coping. The parapet steps up at the central section of the southeast facade. Windows are rectangular, with concrete sills and sixteen-light steel industrial sash with the four center lights forming an awning sash. A flat canopy, supported by wrought iron pipe columns, rests on a raised, reinforced concrete loading dock that extends nearly the full length of the southeast facade. The interior of the building is open, with reinforced concrete columns.
- History: The Storehouse was constructed in 1924 as part of the initial construction effort at the Aspinwall facility. It is grouped with the Station Garage (Building No. 3) and the Boiler House (Building No. 4) into a small complex of utility buildings located east, and slightly downhill, from the Infirmary Building. In 1930 a 73-foot-long canopy was erected atop an existing loading dock along the southeast facade. The upper three feet of brick wall and the parapet have been rebuilt at an unknown date. The building last served as a storage facility, and is presently vacant.
- Sources: Veterans Administration Medical Center. National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form (1980).

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Twenty-fifth Anniversary: Veterans Administration Hospital,
Aspinwall, Pennsylvania (1950).

National Hospital Day at U.S. Veterans Administration Facility,
Aspinwall, Pennsylvania (1945).

Original architectural drawings on file at Engineering
Services, VA Medical Center, Oakland Division, Pittsburgh,
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